GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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AUTONOMY TO FCI FOR PROCUREMENT
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to broaden its procurement initiatives during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give more autonomy to Food Corporation of India to procure paddy at higher price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the MSP has been formulated in the Department of Food and Public Distribution.